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New Community College Board Members Installed

The Central Douglas County area education district board meeting generally took the course of any other school district organizational board meeting.

There were some differences. The seven board members were sworn in during a brief ceremony conducted by Circuit Court Judge Don H. Sanders. It was attended by such dignitaries as Eugene Fisher of Elkton, chairman of the state Board of Education; Dr. Robert Hatton, director of community colleges from the state Department of Education; William Loomis, trade and industrial education director of the state department, state Sen. Al Flegel

and state Rep. Sidney Leiken. It was also preceded by a dinner in the Umpqua Hotel.

Meeting Historic

But the biggest difference in the meeting was its historic nature. This was the initial meeting of the official board which will launch a community college to serve most of Douglas County. The board, holding its first meeting in the Roseburg School District's administrative office, found it will have to move quickly to get a college going this fall and set its next meeting April 9 at the same place.

That meeting will be devoted to laying the groundwork for an operating budget for next year.

Organizing, the board elected Wayne Crooch of Roseburg as its charter chairman. He has been a leader for several years in bringing about establishment of an area education district. Named as vice chairman was William Markham of Riddle, who is the at-large director. Ralph Snyder, registrar of Roseburg School District's Umpqua Community College, was named secretary to serve until a district clerk is named.

Jacoby Named

Logically, Harry Jacoby, assistant superintendent of the Roseburg district and coordinator of Umpqua Community College, was named budget director.

Most of the remainder of the meeting was devoted to finding out what immediate steps need to be taken.

The first job will be preparation of a budget. The consensus appeared to be that the budget election should take place the last of June or first part of July.

Initial work on preparation of the budget will start next Thursday. A budget committee is expected to be named at that meeting also.

Dr. Hatton, who was on hand to answer questions and explain steps, said one of the most important early steps will be to select an administrator. He also explained that courses

for lower division college credit must be acceptable to both the state Board of Education and the state System of Higher Education. Vocational - technical courses must have only the approval of the state board.

Quick Action Needed

He said action should be taken quickly to allow time for students to be attracted to the new school.

Money cropped up as a major immediate problem. The district can receive no money until after the new fiscal year starts July 1. Dr. Hatton explained that no state support money can be received until it is determined the number of full time equivalent pupils

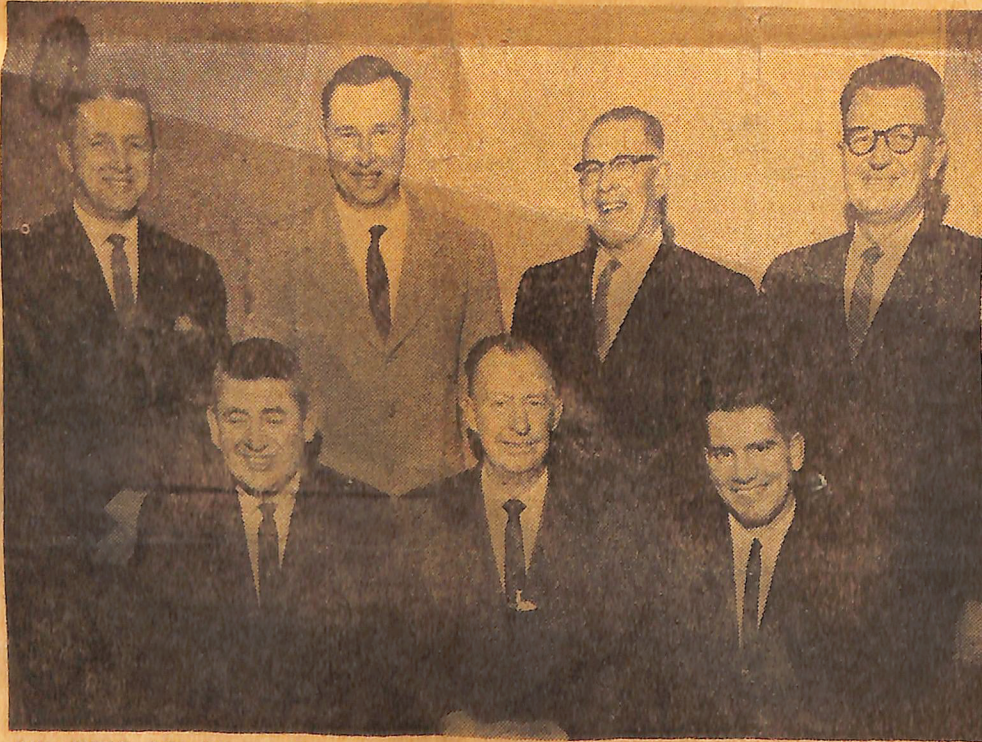
who will be attending the school. That money won't become available until probably December.

However, the plan will apparently be to defer items of cost until after the budget election.

The consensus also appeared to be that the new community college will adopt the same courses the Umpqua Community College now offers. Thus, Umpqua college would expire. In addition, the new college would take over the operation of the vocational education courses now offered by the Roseburg district. Because of its hope to increase the scope of vocational - technical training, this area might receive additions.

Again it was emphasized that the board will move slowly in expanding the scope of the curricula. State board Chairman Fisher added his endorsement to this approach. "The state board is just as anxious for you to succeed as you are," he said. "But we suggest you start slow and grow," he added.

Chairman Crooch reported that the Roseburg board had again said it would offer the school facilities for operation of night classes. He said he would also investigate the possibility of conducting classes in the dormitories at the county fairgrounds if day classes were called for.



CHARTER BOARD — The first board of directors of the new Central Douglas County area education district held its initial meeting Thursday night to begin planning for establishment of a community college. Members of the seven-man board are from left, standing, William Markham of Riddle, George Marsh of Lookingglass, Kenneth Knechtel of Sutherlin, Dr. Clifford Babbitt of Roseburg; seated, Fred Booth of Yoncalla, Wayne Crooch of Roseburg and Charles Dowd of Canbyville. (News-Review photo by Chris)